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SUBJ: PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO 29TH GA: SYG'S LUNCHEON TOAST

1. A MEMBER OF SYG'S PERSONAL STAFF HAS GIVEN USUN IN CONFIDENCE A DRAFT OF TOAST WHICH SYG PLANS TO GIVE AT HIS LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT FORD ON SEPT 18. SYG NORMALLY STICKS FAIRLY CLOSE TO HIS DRAFT TOASTS. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED BY SECRETARIAT THAT PRESIDENT FORD MIGHT WISH TO REPLY ON PERSONAL AND INFORMAL BASIS TO SYG'S TOAST.

2. TEXT FOLLOWS:

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S TOAST TO PRESIDENT FORD
SEPTEMBER 18, 1974

PRESIDENT FORD, DR. YOUR EXCELLENCIES, GENTLEMEN.

IT IS A VERY GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO PROPOSE A TOAST
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE WELCOME YOU HERE AS THE LEADER OF A
NATION WHICH PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE UNITED NATIONS, AND WHICH HAS BEEN ONE OF ITS MOST
GENEROUS SUPPORTERS SINCE ITS INCEPTION. BUT WE ALSO WELCOME
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YOU PERSONALLY, ON YOUR FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT AS PRESIDENT

TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE
HOST COUNTRY IT IS AN HONOUR AND A REAL PLEASURE TO HAVE
YOU WITH US TODAY.

I KNOW THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF AMERICANS RETAIN
THEIR BELIEF IN THE GREAT POTENTIALITIES OF THIS UNIQUE
ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS NOW REPRESENTATIVE OF ALMOST EVERY
NATION IN THE WORLD. ALTHOUGH THE WORLD HAS CHANGED VERY
GREATLY SINCE DUMBARTON OAKS AND SAN FRANCISCO, THE FUNDAMENTAL
PRINCIPLES WHICH WERE ENUNCIATED NEARLY 30 YEARS AGO STILL
HOLD THEIR TRUTH AND RELEVANCE FOR ALL MANKIND.

THROUGHOUT YOUR DISTINGUISHED POLITICAL CAREER, MR
PRESIDENT, YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AN INTERNATIONALIST. YOU
STAND IN THE GREAT TRADITION OF AMERICAN PRESIDENTS WHO,
WHILE FIRMLY KEEPING THEIR AMERICAN CHARACTER, HAVE LOOKED
BEYOND THIS CONTINENT TO OTHER LANDS AND OTHER PEOPLES. IT
IS ONE OF THE MOST NOBLE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE THAT, WHEN FACED WITH A REAL PROBLEM ANYWHERE IN THE
WORLD, THEY WISH TO HELP. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE IN THE
UNITED NATIONS ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF THIS GENEROSITY
AND VISION.

I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO WELCOME DR KISSINGER, WHOSE
UNTIRING EFFORTS IN THE PURSUIT OF PEACE HAVE EARNED HIM
THE GRATITUDE AND ADMIRATION OF PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD.
OUR ASSOCIATION WITH HIM HAS BEEN CLOSE AND VERY FRUITFUL,
AND I AM SURE THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE SO IN THE FUTURE.
AND YOU KNOW, MR PRESIDENT, OF THE MANY QUALITIES WHICH
AMBASSADOR SCALI BRINGS TO HIS IMPORTANT AND DEMANDING POST,
WHICH HE FILLS WITH SUCH DISTINCTION.

MR PRESIDENT, IN WELCOMING YOU HERE TODAY I SHOULD LIKE
TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY SINCERE CONVICTION THAT UNDER YOUR
LEADERSHIP THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS WILL CONTINUE TO BE FAR-SEEING, CONSTRUCTIVE, AND
COMPASSIONATE. AND I KNOW THAT YOU PERSONALLY WILL GIVE
YOUR SUPPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN MEETING THE VERY
DIFFICULT PROBLEMS WHICH CONFRONT THE WORLD ORGANIZATION.

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YOUR EXCELLENCIES, GENTLEMEN: "THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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